

STAT

39  
CIA

Executive Registry

85- 2303

APRIL 20, 1985

MR. RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Mr. President

I have recently read a biography of Colonel William J. ( Wild Bill ) Donovan, whose extensive services to this country, including his exploits during the First World War and his creation of the OSS during the World War II, make him an authentic American hero.

He also laid the foundation and plans for the CIA and it was a great injustice that he was not appointed Director of this agency at its creation, a post he richly deserved.

I believe it would be a very nice gesture, Mr President, if using your executive privilege, you would bestow on Colonel Donovan, posthumously, the title of FIRST DIRECTOR or DIRECTOR EMERITUS of the CIA.

Sincerely,

Copy/ Mr. William Casey  
Director  
CIA

DCI  
EXEC  
REG

0-100

STAT

MR. RONALD REAGAN  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE.  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20000

